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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art references shows the claimed continuous casting apparatus with a submerged entry nozzle having at least two separate types of outlets; an inductive unit which substantially surrounds the nozzle for producing a traversing magnetic field covering the outlets of at least one of said types of outlets; and means for adjusting the relative intensity of the magnetic field such that to modify the distribution of the total flow of the molten metal between all the outlets of the nozzle.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas X. Dunn can be reached on 571-272-1171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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